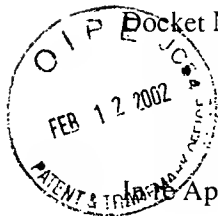


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the first examination, Applicant requests that the referenced application be amended as shown below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace paragraph 79 with the following paragraph:

[0079] The purpose of steps 110, 112, 114 and 116 is to compute, within a particular area, shortest paths between the specified origin point and all the routers through which the destination could ultimately be reached. Note that when the destination address is associated with a route entry directly reachable from one or more of the routers in the source area, the route query typically terminates at this point. Specifically, when the destination address is associated with an "area-local" route entry, i.e., a route entry associated with a network directly attached to

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